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Dear Mr May - I see by the last Standard  
that reached me (No 48, Vol. 25) that the paper  
and the Society whose name it is will come to  
an end in less than 3 weeks from the present  
date. On looking over my file of the Standard &  
of the Liberator I find I am deficient of a good  
many numbers. I would be glad if they could  
be made up - but I suppose it is hardly likely  
that they can be. However I will send a list  
of what is deficient in each & I venture to trouble  
you (I hope for the last time) to see whether any  
thing can be done in this matter. Unless it be  
George Thompson's file, I doubt if there be another  
on this side of the Atlantic so nearly complete  
as mine of either paper

Having copied the memorandum, I thought it best  
to send a few slips which will make up my  
list. I am in no hurry whatever with getting





wait a year for any you can send  
me. I need hardly say that  
the news of the fall of Richmond  
is full of interest. The whole was an  
even from the side has been like a  
giant's game of chess. The news generally  
comes in from week to week, and  
we hold our breath waiting for the  
next move. Now I know much for  
his conduct respecting the status to Foster  
Gunnery - the Fort Pillow Massacre Retra-  
diction Question - the Claims & Rights  
of the Colored Race. I greatly regret  
that in this eventful time there  
should be any dissension amongst  
any of the old abolition friends who  
have contended together so bravely &  
so long, under circumstances of such  
unexampled difficulty. I hope the  
dissolution of the Am. A. S. Society &  
the death of the Freedmen's Liberator  
may not lessen the interest of any in  
the cause of the Colored race in their  
determination to obtain the ballot  
for them. No matter how you send



or degraded they may be or may have  
been, they are surer & safer friends  
of the South than native white  
fraternizers, or Northern Democrats  
or Independent Souths are likely to  
prove for many a day. It would  
be the work of bad policy to refuse  
them the franchise - for ~~the~~ without  
their assistance I see no chance  
of reconstruction in the South.

The hatred & bitterness of the Southern  
people seem to know no bounds.

I think the Rebel military & civil  
leaders should be imprisoned,  
for life - and that all the other  
known rebels should be deprived  
of political rights. I know of  
nothing in history to compare with  
the merciless barbarism with which  
you Northerners have treated the  
instigators of this wicked rebellion  
who have fallen into their hands.



If there were should get off seats  
flee how can any crime against the  
nation be punished in future.

I fear some different view are  
before your government - but if you  
weather through them as bravely  
as you have through the bad press,  
I do not doubt but the United States  
will soon become the sanctuary of  
Religion & civilization - and what  
the pious hearts of her children  
in past times have proclaimed  
her to be.

A meeting of the American Temperance  
society was held last night mainly at  
the late Alfred's instigation at which  
he read a very effective & comprehensive  
address on behalf of the Freedmen  
and I hope some good will be done. The  
society of Friends have been by far  
the most liberal helpers in this good  
work both in Great Britain & Ireland  
When one of their members in Leeds  
put down his name for £80 this year





heard of it - then approached him  
for some 20 lth - I said he should  
add a 0, which he did & made it  
£500. Having been born & educated  
a Quaker, I generally throw in my  
note with them when they set any  
collections of this kind on foot.

I wish, when you write, you would  
tell me what is going on in London  
& how he <sup>has</sup> a chance of establishing a  
business position in Britain. It is  
late in life for him to attempt  
any thing of the kind.

I read the whole of nearly all the  
books you have sent me. It is very  
good indeed & most appropriate to  
an elderly body like me, who are  
often reminded that I am under  
sentence of death - the time of ex-  
ecution not yet made known to me.





My son Richard is now in Stone City,  
Nevada, on a remote corner. The  
complains of getting no letters of  
late, although he writes with great  
regularity every two weeks, & address  
them as he directs to the care  
of a friend in San Francisco.

You need not send any  
papers you get from me on to  
him. The rarely receives news-  
papers although ~~charges~~ we pay  
postage on them. When a  
man goes to such a remote  
place he must expect many  
inconveniences. I think he  
shows great resolution & self-  
denial & I do hope he will make  
his way in the long run.



Let me know how you  
love him. I have not heard  
of or from L. L. - except through  
the Standard articles for ever  
so long. I write later. I suppose he  
has not me which is not  
surprising - but it seems to me  
that I have grown particularly flat  
I shall of late

My kind regards to you all  
and hearty congratulations  
from ever affectionately

Richd D Webb

I expect to have some more money for  
the Liberator's Month.

Any of these papers might be sent me  
by book post from York, prepaid & I will  
repay the postage.

Perhaps W. L. G. may bring them.  
What chance have we of seeing him?



